

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

2016 California Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings

BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting series is an annual emergency preparedness activity that takes place each year in the fall before flood season begins on October 15. The objective of the meeting series is to provide regional and local updates on flood preparedness activities. This activity is mission critical to support local government throughout the state.

Sponsored by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in cooperation with the County Offices of Emergency Services (County OES), the target audience is managers and key emergency responders from California public agencies with primary responsibility for flood emergency response and coordination. Typically those agencies are counties, cities, flood control districts, Tribal governments, reclamation districts, and local maintaining agencies.

Current Status

This fall, DWR will conduct these meetings in twelve locations: six in the Central Valley, three in the Coastal region, and three in Southern California. DWR will also participate in two other preseason type meetings organized and hosted by individual County OES (Santa Clara and San Diego counties). A meeting notice has been mailed to all agencies in the DWR Directory of Flood Officials as well as distributed via email to attendees of the 2014 and 2015 meetings.

New counties on this year's schedule, where we have not held a Preseason meeting in recent years, are Madera, Los Angeles, and Shasta counties. The Shasta County meeting is part of our stronger outreach to the northern counties.

The meeting agenda reflects a collaborative effort with presentations and participation by many agencies at the local, state, and federal level. Presentations and information are provided by the National Weather Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the California Conservation Corps, CALFIRE, County OES, reclamation districts, and local maintaining agencies. The Regional Flood Management Program (RFMP) is also highlighted, where applicable.